

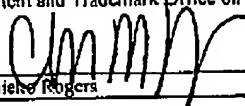
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 24, 2006, Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-13). With respect to the Election of Species requirement within the species of acid-fast bacterium, Applicants elect *M. Tuberculosis* without traverse. Claims 11 and 28 are readable upon the elected species. Generic claims are present.

An early and favorable action on the merits is requested.

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